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SUBJ: MODERNIZATION OF THE YAR ARMED FORCES

REF : A. STATE 12278; B. JIDDA 3919

1. SAUDI MINISTER OF DEFENSE PRINCE SULTAN TOLD AMBASSADOR AND DCM TODAY (JUNE 9) THAT HE HAD CAREFULLY READ AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO HIM (REF A) AND WISHED TO MAKE FLY AN OBSERVATION. WE HAD PROPOSED DIRECT U.S.-YEMENI CONTRACTS WITH THE SAUDIS' ROLE BEING LIMITED TO PICKING UP THE BILL. THE SAUDIS WOULD LIKE A PROMINENT USG ROLE IN YEMEN AND AMERICAN TRAINERS COULD NOT RPT NOT BE DISPENSED WITH BUT THE SAUDIS ENVISAGED A MORE PROMINENT AND VISIBLE ROLE FOR THEMSELVES. SULTAN SUGGEST THAT THE AGREEMENT BE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SAUDI ARABIA WITH THE EXPLICIT UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ARMS WOULD GO TO THE YEMEN.

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2. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HOWEVER THE DELIVERIES BE HANDLED, HE HOPED THE SAUDIS WOULD MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY ON THE YEMEN ARMS REQUESTS.

3. SULTAN SAID THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE ALL THAT SOON. IT COULD CERTAINLY NOT BE BEFORE THE NEW SAUDI BUDGET IS RELEASED (JULY 10) OR BEFORE THE UAMENI ELECTIONS FOR THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY; THE SAUDIS WOULD HAVE TO KNOW WHAT WOULD BE THE NATURE AND DIRECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT THEY ARE AIDING. SULTAN THOUGHT THESE ELECTIONS WOULD BE SOON.

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